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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

EASTERN ALABAMA RAILWAY LLC

Complainant,

v.

UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF
SYLACAUGA

Defendant.

Finance Docket No. 35583

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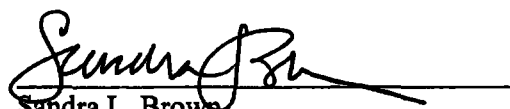
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Utilities Board of the City of Sylacauga ("Utilities Board") respectfully requests an extension of time, until January 19, 2012, to prepare its reply to the Petition for Declaratory Order filed by Eastern Alabama Railway LLC ("EARY") on December 16, 2011. The extension is requested due to the time that has been required for the Utilities Board to retain transportation counsel as well as delays caused by the intervening holidays. The Utilities Board has consulted with EARY counsel, who has provided his consent for this extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this 30th day of December 2011, I served a copy of the foregoing upon counsel for defendant EARY as described below:

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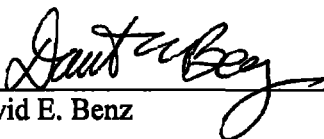
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